

In claim 15, first line, after "claim", delete "14" and insert therefor -13-

Remarks

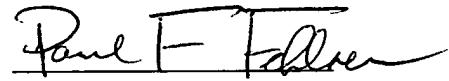
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy shown by the Examiner in the Office Action and telephone conferences related to it. The Examiner has pointed out that claim 15 would be allowable if it were amended to depend from a pending claim instead of a canceled claim. Claim 14, from which claim 15 depends, was canceled in the last Amendment.

Accordingly, Applicant amends claim 15 here to change its dependency to claim 13. For the same reason, applicant has amended claim 7 to depend from claim 2, rather than canceled claim 6.

Enclosed is the original ribbon copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,290,551 to David Berd in satisfaction of the requirement to surrender the patent under 35 U.S.C. § 251.

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that this reissue application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of the reissue application is earnestly solicited.

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